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HOUSE BILL 589

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION
PLATES FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OR PARENTS OF SERVICE MEMBERS
KILLED IN AN ARMED CONFLICT WITH AN ENEMY OF THE UNITED STATES;
REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF PROOF; PROVIDING A PENALTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] REGISTRATION PLATES--GOLD STAR FAMILIES--
SUBMISSION OF PROOF--PENALTY.--

A. The division shall issue distinctive
registration plates to the surviving mother, father, stepparent
or spouse of a service member killed in an armed conflict with
an enemy of the United States, upon the submission by the
person of proof satisfactory to the division that the person's

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1 son, daughter, stepchild or spouse was a service member killed
2 in an armed conflict with an enemy of the United States.

3 B. No fee, including the regular registration fee
4 applicable to the passenger motor vehicle, if any, shall be
5 collected for issuance of a special registration plate pursuant
6 to this section.

7 C. The special registration plate issued pursuant
8 to this section shall be known as the "gold star families"
9 special registration plate.

10 D. The division, with the advice and consultation
11 of the gold star mothers, shall determine the color and design
12 of the gold star families registration plate and provide for
13 its issuance.

14 E. No person shall falsely claim to be a surviving
15 mother, father, stepparent or spouse of a service member killed
16 in an armed conflict with an enemy of the United States so as
17 to be eligible to be issued special registration plates
18 pursuant to this section.

19 F. Any person who violates the provisions of
20 Subsection E of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor."